



Statement of Intent between the Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden

The Republic of Poland and the Kingdom of Sweden are close strategic partners and allies in security, civil protection and civil defence. Our geographical location in Central and Northern Europe, at the shores of the Baltic Sea, entails shared security challenges and calls for joint action. The fundamentally worsened security situation in Europe following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the new dimension of Poland's and Sweden's relationship as allies in NATO, provide further rationale for deepening our partnership. Both Poland and Sweden have been on the frontline in supporting Ukraine, politically as well as through military and civilian support. We will remain steadfast in our support for as long as it takes.

The Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden (hereinafter – the Participants) have a clear joint ambition to contribute to a secure, safe, and prosperous Europe. We will cooperate to pursue this aim nationally, as members of the EU and as allies through NATO. In this regard, both Participants recognize the importance of developing and enhancing cooperation within the areas of civil protection and civil defence. This Statement of Intent aims to establish a platform for further dialogue and define the basis for the collaboration.

The Participants state the following intentions:

The Participants, within their competence and in accordance with the legislation of their respective states, as well as in accordance with international treaties to which their states are parties express their desire to strengthen and deepen cooperation in the fields of civil protection and civil defence. In doing so, we aim to implement the Strategic Partnership between Poland and Sweden dated 28 November 2024 in these particular fields.

This cooperation includes consultations and exchange of best practice and methods at both strategic and operational levels, with a special focus on but not limited to the following areas:

- Civil protection and civil defence, with an aim to enhancing national resilience and preparedness strategies and practices,
- Providing Ukraine with support in its efforts to strengthening national resilience,
- Enhancing resilience and security in the Baltic Sea Region with a special regard to critical infrastructure,
- Identifying and analysing hybrid threats and countering its consequences.

The Participants intend to jointly determine the format and terms of future cooperation in each specific case. This Statement of Intent will complement the multilateral cooperation carried out at the Nordic, Nordic-Baltic, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and European levels, as well as the work aimed at enhancing resilience within NATO, without diminishing its importance. This Statement declares mutual intentions and does not establish any legally binding commitments between the Participants under international or national law.

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